

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | Confirmation No.: 6124 |
| Gary Karlin Michelson, M.D. |) | |
| Serial No.: 09/626,636 |) | Group Art Unit: 3731 |
| Filed: July 27, 2000 |) | Examiner: Ryan J. Severson |
| For: A GUARD FOR USE IN |) | |
| PERFORMING HUMAN |) | |
| INTERBODY SPINAL SURGERY |) | |

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated January 20, 2011, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.